Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An identification device for an infant comprising, in combination: an infant article; a label including personal information of the infant coupled to a portion of the identification device; and means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device to the infant article.

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2. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 1 further comprising a member; said means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device comprising a pair of ends of said member; each one of said ends coupled to a portion of the infant article.

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3. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 2 further comprising a portion of a surface of said member having a recess for receiving said label; and a retainer coupled to said recess of said member for enclosing said label in said recess.

4. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 2 wherein said member is curved and each one of said pair of ends is coupled to a portion of the infant article.

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5. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 2 wherein said means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device comprising an adhesive; a portion of said member adhesively coupled to a portion of the infant article.

6. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 2 further comprising a portion of said member having a multiplicity of openings for selectively receiving an end of a strap so that said strap is coupled to the infant article when the end of said

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- 7. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 6 wherein said strap of the identification device is coupled to the infant.

strap is coupled to an opposite end of said strap.

- 8. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 wherein said label is coupled to a portion of a surface of said recess.
- 5 9. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 3 wherein said label is coupled to a portion of a surface of said retainer.
- 10. The identification device for an infant according to

 10 Claim 1 wherein a portion of a side of said label

 comprises a visible identifier selected from the group

 consisting of at least a name of an infant, at least a

 photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe

 print.

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11. The identification device for an infant according to Claim 1 wherein a portion of an opposite side of said label comprising at least a visible list of personal information of the infant selected from the group consisting of an infant's name, at least an infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current history of immunizations, at least a medication, at least an emergency telephone number, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print.

- 12. The identification device for an infant according to

 Claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the

 identification device comprises an identifier selected

 from the group consisting of a programmable semi
 conductor chip, a digital data recording device, a

 radio frequency identification device and a barcode.
- 13. The identification device for an infant according to

 10 Claim 1 wherein the identification device comprises transparent plastic.

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- 14. An integral identification device for an infant comprising, in combination: an infant article; a label coupled to a portion of the identification device for providing personal information of the infant; the identification device comprising an identification portion of the infant article.
- 20 15. The integral identification device for an infant according to Claim 14 further comprising the identification portion of the infant article having a recess for receiving a label; and a retainer coupled to said recess of the identification portion of the

infant article for enclosing said label in said recess.

- 16. The identification device for an infant according to

 Claim 14 wherein a portion of said label comprising a

 visible identifier of the infant selected from the

 group consisting of an infant's name, at least an

 infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current

 history of immunizations, at least a medication, at

 least an emergency telephone number, at least a

 photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe

 print.
- 17. The identification device for an infant according to

 Claim 14 wherein at least a portion of the

 identification device comprises an identifier selected

 from the group consisting of a programmable semi
 conductor chip, a digital data recording device, a

 radio frequency identification device and a barcode.

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18. A method for using an identifier device for an infant comprising the steps of: providing an infant article; coupling a label including personal information of the infant to a portion of the identification device; and providing means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device to the infant article.

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19. The method for using an identifier device for an infant according to Claim 18 further comprising the steps of:

providing a member;

providing said means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device comprises a pair of ends of said member, each one of said ends coupled to a

portion of the infant article;

providing said means for coupling at least a portion of the identification device comprises an adhesive, a portion of said member adhesively coupled to a portion of the infant article;

providing a portion of a surface of said member having a recess for receiving said label;

coupling a retainer to said recess of said member for enclosing said label in said recess; and providing a portion of said member having a multiplicity of openings for selectively receiving an end of a strap so that said strap is coupled to the

infant article when the end of said strap is coupled to an opposite end of said strap.

20. The method for using an identifier device for an infant according to Claim 18 further comprising the steps of:

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providing a portion of a side of said label comprising a visible identifier selected from the group consisting of at least a name of an infant, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print;

providing a portion of an opposite side of said label comprising at least a visible list of personal information of the infant selected from the group consisting of an infant's name, at least an infant's address, at least a parent's name, a current history of immunizations, at least a medication, at least an emergency telephone number, at least a photograph, at least a finger print and at least a toe print; and providing at least a portion of the identification device comprises an identifier selected from the group consisting of a programmable semi-conductor chip, a digital data recording device, a radio frequency identification device and a barcode.